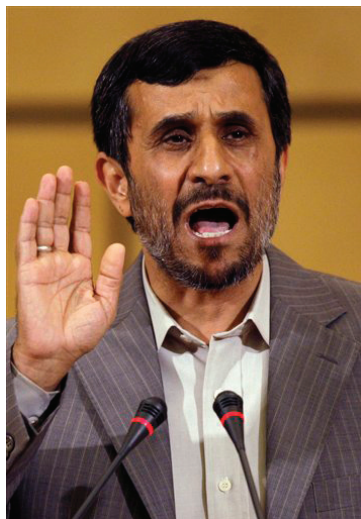


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TEAM ARUBA on their way to IHRA Spring Nationals in Rockingham, NC

During the weekend of April 9-11 2009 TEAM ARUBA participated in races organized by ADRL, a relatively new drag racing association that has been growing with tremendous strides. The enormous growth of the American Drag Racing League (ADRL) is due to the fact that this organization does not collect entrance fees to their events, and for that reason, during a weekend event more than 50.000 spectators are witness to the races.

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Chiara & John say I do on Malmok Beach



MALMOK -- John Catena & Chiara Crestan tied the knot on Malmok beach, at sunset with Reverent Ruben doing the blessings in fluent Italian. Juliette from Taste of Belgium helped orchestrate an excellent, plated dinner party to steel pan music against the backdrop of a perfect sunset, immediately after the couple sealed

their wedding vows with a si, io voglio and a kiss. The all-white frosting, chocolate wedding cake was the creation of boutique-baker Chris Smith. Witnesses, Patrizia from Baci da Roma and Ewald, the owner of the Malmok Beach House where the couple is staying joined wedding coordinator Mariza in wishing the new Mr. and Mrs. Catena ever-lasting bliss.

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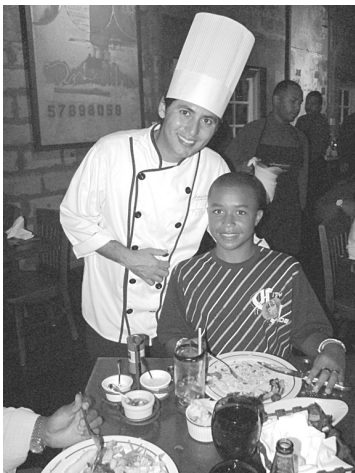
Pictured here some famous local faces, wearing red noses. The walk culminated with a parking lot event starring the fantastic Youth Extreme. The walk was animated by Metroplis disco and by radio personality Ruben Garcia and E-Z Party Solutions.



Amazonia Churrascaria host an international group of guests



PALMBEACH—The Wallace, Cimino and Starkey families, from NY, staying at Marriott Surf Club and Divi Resorts are repeat guests to Amazonia Churrascaria. The Brazilian-style steakhouse is always on their list of must-visit, when on the island. The Simons, Cindy & Michel with their two kids Tarique and Emile, from Aruba, are also regulars at Amazonia Churrascaria, in fact Chef Victor surprised



them with Amazonia Churrascaria souvenir caps this time, grateful for their frequent visits. Visitors from Curacao, also tried Amazonia Churrascaria cuisine, Benjamin Ortega, from the neighboring C in the ABC islands, visited with his parents, and enjoyed terrific food and great service.



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Sunoco Deal Indicates Tough Refiner Selling Market – Fitch

Sunoco Inc.'s (SUN) agreement to sell its Tulsa, Okla., oil refinery to Holly Corp. (HOC) for \$65 million won't affect its investment-grade credit ratings, Fitch Ratings said, but the low price indicates refineries will face a tough environment to sell sites.

Fitch's comments came a day after Sunoco's deal was announced, and the credit rater said sellers of brownfield refineries are facing a depressed economic environment, especially for sellers of smaller facilities with limited conversion capacity and significant capital expenditure requirements.

Sunoco put the 85,000-barrel-a-day refinery up for sale in 2008 and in December disclosed that it would convert the facility into an oil product terminal if it couldn't find a buyer. The agreed upon price tag represents a steep decline in asset values amid an industry slump.

Skyrocketing crude oil prices, which are refiners' biggest cost, and weakening demand for products such as gasoline and diesel hit the sector's earnings after several years of high returns.

The \$65 million transaction equates to a sales price of just \$745 a barrel of refining capacity, according to Fitch. This is sharply lower than recent refinery sales, including the \$3,920-a-barrel sale of Valero Energy Corp.'s (VLO) 85,000-barrel-a-day Krotz Springs, La., refinery sold to Alon USA Energy Inc. (ALJ) last July and the \$11,875-a-barrel sale of the 160,000-barrel-a-day Lima, Ohio, refinery sold to Husky Energy Inc. (HUSKF).

Fitch on Friday affirmed its issuer default and senior unsecured credit ratings on Sunoco at BBB, or two notches above junk territory.

A key motivation for the sale of the Tulsa refinery was Sunoco's desire to avoid \$400 million in capital costs required to bring the site into compliance with the Environmental Protection Agency's off-road diesel requirements.

But finding a buyer was tough in the recession, as a steep drop in share prices across the energy sector has also

diluted the value of stock as a deal currency for now, further limiting the ability of would-be buyers to finance purchases.

The low price of the Tulsa sale doesn't bode well for independent refiners or integrated oil companies looking to the sale of marginal refineries as a source of cash, Fitch said. Other refineries that are on the block or are

expected to be put out for sale in the near term include Valero's refinery in Aruba and Western Refinancing Inc.'s (WNR) Yorktown, Va., refinery.

But those deals are also showing signs of trouble. Western Refinancing said last month it doesn't expect to find a buyer for its Virginia refinery in the near future and last week,

Russian oil company OAO Lukoil Holdings (LKOH. RS) said it didn't have any immediate interest in buying Valero's Aruba refinery, which has been on the block for 17 months.

Sunoco's shares were down 0.8% to \$28.10 in recent trading. The company's stock is off 43% from September.

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ECO Hosts a Double-Celebration at Musa Café di Artista



ORANJESTAD – Eco Destination Management Services of Aruba hosted an intimate office-party at Musa Café di Artista on Caya Betico Croes.

Ruben Mannes and Magali Meza also represented company CEO Wichita Villacres as they unveiled the ECO DMS' updated logo and recognized ten years of excellent service by Glenda Henricus, the company's tireless Director of Operations.

The previous ECO DMS logo, explained Mannes, was designed in-house 20 years ago. It was decorative & elegant and it contributed nicely to the company's growth over the two last decades. With the recent global economic downturn ECO DMS decided to make an investment and turn up the heat on the logo, and on the marketing collateral, with bolder, bigger, more colorful graphics which maintain strong connections to the old, much-liked and well-trusted look.

The decision to redo collateral was also spurred on by the upcoming SITE International Conference 2009, unfolding in Aruba October 30 - November 2, of which ECO

DMS CEO Wichita Villacres is the International co-chair. SITE has selected Aruba as the host-country for the 2009 IC that will bring together the top minds in incentive travel, a multi-billion dollar global industry.

With its new look, ECO DMS is targeting clients opting to engage the company as their Aruba MICE contact. The logo and the brochures, for Aruba in English, and for the Latin market in Spanish had to make an impact, an emotional impression, motivating the clients to desire and seek services from ECO DMS.

The logo and marketing collateral, Mannes continued, had to communicate a friendly, bright and engaging attitude, much like the mood in which ECO DMS services are rendered.

And the main message was and remains: "We will make it happen," "Your business is our only business," and "we will deliver a well-planned and superbly-executed motivational experience." The supporting message of ECO DMS' new look consists of charming Aruba icons, the cactus, the lighthouse, the chapel of Alto Visa and most importantly, the new symbol, a compass incorporated with the



logo, standing for ECO DMS comprehensive approach and its global appeal, also for the fact that it caters to clients from around the globe.

ECO DMS now offers its service in Aruba as well as in Miami via an affiliation with PRA Destination Management of Southeast Florida. True to the company's commitment to environmental practices, it was the CEO's specific request to print the new ECO brochures on recycled paper. ECO DMS has become a Green Company in 2008.

Mannes also thanked colleagues and co-workers for their creative input and presented the new images, as conceived and executed by



Marketing Plus NV. Mannes and Meza then honored Henricus for her years of service with a handsome engraved plaque, and acknowledged her important contributions to the success of the overall company.

Pictured here the get together at Musa Café di Artista, at the end of the ceremonial part of the afternoon singer Angela Croes honored the ECO DMS crew with a short recital of her favorite songs, over snacks and drinks.

Carter continues to shine

Top Trinidad and Tobago swimmer Dylan Carter smashed two Games records, including a national one, as he led the national team to a commanding performance on day three of the four-day 2009 Carifta Swimming Championships Saturday night in Aruba. And with Carter's contributions, the T&T team extended their points lead to 85 over the Bahamas (604.5 to 519.5 points), followed by Martinique (437.5), Jamaica (433.5) and Guadeloupe (433) in that order. Carter's two record-breaking golden swims were part of an eight gold, two silver and five bronze-medal haul on the night for Trinidad and Tobago, for a three-day tally of 23 gold, ten silver and 15 bronze medals.

Carter's top-class achievements and re-writing of the record books started with the opening event of the night, the 200-metre Individual Medley (IM) for the Boys 11-12 age-group.

A devastating last leg cancelled out the challenge of Aruban and home favourite Jordy Groters on his way to a 2:23.88 clocking that erased Christian Homer's 2:25.75 mark set in 2005.

Later in the night, 13-year-old Carter produced a scintillating sprint swim in the Boys 11-12 100-metre freestyle for a very fast 56.11-second timing that bettered his own 58.21-second swim from the morning preliminaries.

His prelim effort had also improved on Valy Pelagie's 2007 standard of 58.75.

The final time shattered Nicholas Bovell's 1999 record of 56.74.

T&T's Homer also mounted the top level of the rostrum with his 2:09.21 swim in the Boys 15-17 200m IM, while Cherelle Thompson exploded out of the blocks to produce a 34.04-second clocking for gold in the Girls 15-17 50m breaststroke.

Her teammate Rejan Chin

(35.48) claimed the bronze, while Ryan Rigues (31.77) also was first in the Boys 15-17 version of that event.

Kimberlee John-Williams splashed to gold in the Girls 13-14 100m freestyle (1:00.38), but had to settle for silver in the Girls 13-14 200m butterfly (2:31.50).

Joshua Romany completed a

come-from-behind personal best in the Boys 13-14 100m freestyle when he posted a 54.36-second clocking, while his teammate Keegan Boisson-Yates (55.03) claimed bronze. Caryl Blondell dashed to 53.05 for a triumph in the Boys 15-17 edition of the event.

And Samantha Rahael copped bronze in the Girls 15-17 200m IM (2:28.02) and a

silver in the 200m butterfly (2:30.03). The other medals came from Kadeja Phillip, a bronze in the Girls 15-17 200m fly (2:32.21), and the Boys 13-14 4x200m freestyle relay team (Romany, Boisson-Yates, Blaine Sobrian, Joshua Changar), who were timed in 8:47.01 for the bronze.

The Carifta Championships came to a close last night.





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Casa Tua's highlight of the day: Ossobuco that melts in your mouth

PALM BEACH - Neatly tucked away on Palm Beach in the Arawak Gardens, Casa Tua presents a fresh approach to dining in Aruba. The outdoor atmosphere is cool and relaxed; the name says it all "Casa Tua" meaning "Your Home" in Italian.

The menu varies with a wide array of Italian dishes including a Sicilian-style thin crust pizza dripping with cheese, fresh-made tomato sauce and a variety of toppings in the meat, seafood and veggie categories.

Today's highlight of the menu is the Ossobuco di Vitello con Tagliatelle which is a mouth watering Veal Ossobuco (shank) stewed with red wine, parsley, Rosemary,

oregano, onions and lemon juice served with the most unique Tagliatelle. After the first bite, patrons are seen pinching themselves to see if they are dreaming or actually taking a

at \$6 and authentic Italian lasagnas & pastas starting at just \$14. The staff at this popular eatery has set the standard on the island for the term "great service" not only with your din-

owned eatery. Victor Natat and his son Gregory are always there to welcome you with the rest of their staff. Gregory spends most of his time in the kitchen as the head chef repeating the recipes and perfect preparations passed to him from his uncle and three siblings who are renowned for their Mediterranean flair throughout France.

Of course we saved the best for last as no one does an ending better than Casa Tua with their dreamy Tiramisu, or Profiteroles au Chocolat Chaud.

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Hard Rock Cafe is “over the top” for fun, food and reviving great memories

The official opening of **Hard Rock Cafe Aruba** in January had all the glitz and glamour of any Hollywood carpet event, and the newest addition to this world famous brand of casual eateries is an entertaining journey through musical history, as well as offering a guaranteed great meal at a very reasonable price. Music is so much a part of our lives, often interwoven with the landmark moments; the first kiss, a marriage proposal, the first dance as man and wife. How many times have you heard or said, “**Honey, they are playing our song!**” Hard Rock has all those great

songs and videos in their play list, enveloping patrons in a world of music that brings back those special memories of moments that changed one's life. Founded by Isaac Tigrett and Peter Morton in 1971 and located right next door to Eric Clapton's recording studio in London, the first **Hard Rock Cafe** became an instant hit with those that loved a good “old-fashioned American hamburger” and started a legend, resulting in one of the largest and most successful leisure franchises existing today. Hard Rock's remarkable music memorabilia collection began with a red fender given

Aruba's Flavour



the founders by Eric Clapton, to mark his special table where he came to dine on a daily basis. Not to be outdone, other great names such as The Who followed his example; eventually leading to the assortment of music memorabilia that includes anything from a lock of hair to a five-ton psychedelic bus. In **Aruba** you find no buses, but a fascinating collection of instruments, posters, wild and wicked costumes and

other miscellaneous items, many of them autographed by the legendary performers they commemorate. Dozens of bits of memorabilia and high definition plasma screens create the music world ambiance that defines **Hard Rock Cafe**, as well as their diverse menu of fresh fajitas, authentic western barbecue, and of course, their famous certified Angus beef burgers, huge and juicy, the way a burger was meant to be.

Owners of the **Hard Rock Cafe Aruba** are particularly proud of the double bar that serves both inside and out; a stunning canopied terrace allows them to take full advantage of Aruba's famous tropical breezes and agreeable climate. Opening night featured The Wailers, the famous band that made their name with Bob Marley, direct from Jamaica. The appearance of such noted groups and live rock tributes are a trademark of Hard Rock Cafés around the world. **Hard Rock Cafe Aruba** is located in the South Beach Mall across from the Radisson Resort and open seven days a week, from 10:00 AM in the morning until 1:00 AM Sunday through Thursday and until 2:00 AM on the weekends. It is comforting to know there is a great place to go for late night munching and fun times within an easy stroll from all the Palm Beach Resorts offering not only quality food and beverage at reasonable prices, but a musical trip down **Memory Lane!**

Sunset Grille, a prime Steakhouse also offering Spa Cuisine



PALM BEACH – The Sunset Grille at the Radisson Aruba Resort Casino & Spa needs no introduction. The award winning American steakhouse with its chic, cosmopolitan atmosphere headlines Prime Beef, the highest grade U.S.D.A -- only 2% of all beef is graded prime, required to age a minimum of 4 weeks. While steaks and chops make up the heart of the menu, the resort's Executive Chef Matt Boland and restaurant Chef Maarten Smeets innovated

unparalleled appetizers and extraordinary desserts, which helped the Sunset Grille achieve the Triple AAA's elite four-diamond status – a rare feat for steakhouses. Sunset Grille well-known as the number one steakhouse in Aruba offers also spa cuisine, for the health conscious visitors, featuring appetizers, salads and a wide array of seafood selections. The spa cuisine dishes are balanced by enhancing flavors with citrus, spice and

herbs and taste is elevated by marinating, smoking and grilling, Smeets explains. "We now use many more herbs, vegetables, grains and fibers," adds Boland, "all designed to sustain a healthier life style; and we stay away from saturated fats and refined sugars, as well as use salt sparingly," he informs. "The Sunset Grille kitchen," Boland reveals, "uses no trans fats, and our guests," he banter, "stay healthy, wealthy and wise with our new and exciting spa cuisine."

Among the patrons favorite dishes are, the Sunset Grille's famous Chop House Martini Salad, "Shaken not Stirred," the lobster bisque with a pastry crust, the various cuts of prime beef, the popular Rack of Lamb, Stuffed Quail and the delicious Veal Oscar. The spa cuisine features items such as Tuna Tataki, the Spinach Salad, Chilean Seabass, grilled Swordfish and the Asian style Salmon and Scallops served with the



popular Soba Noodles.

The Sunset Grille always endeavors to exceed guests' expectations by purchasing the very best products available and preparing them in accordance with a combination of "tried and true" as well as cutting edge contemporary methods, Boland explains.

Simply put, the Sunset Grille culinary team buys the best products, and cooks them the best way they know, refusing to cut corners, especially when it comes to buying, aging and



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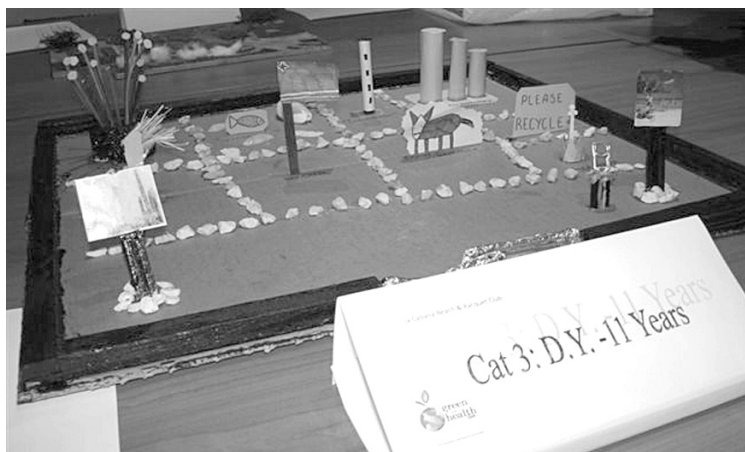
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La Cabana's Art Recycle Competition 2009 celebrates the earth



Eagle Beach – Children of resort associates were invited to create a piece of art from recycled materials for the resort's 8th annual expo, held as part of the program for Earth Week Celebrations 2009.

Genesis Valdez and Yunaydy Olivero joined Daniella Yarzagaray as the three winners in their respective categories, Genesis for the toddlers, Yunaydy for the pre-teens and Daniella for the young teens. Certificates and gifts were given to all the participants who enjoyed having their creations on public display at the resort's conference room.

Other participants include Luis Eduard Arias, Kenia Da Costa, Joshua Zaandam, Tamar Cratz, Michael J. Da Costa and Raymie Echobardo. Themes for art displays included the Earth, Re-Live, Re-Educate, Re-Forest & Re-Nurture. Pictured here the buddy artists with their creations.



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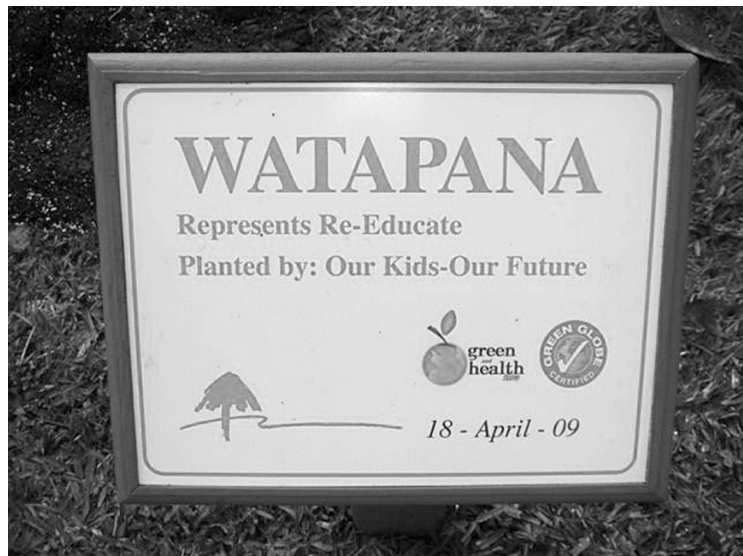


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The Earth Week Opening Celebration was made very special by the planting of the tree which represented the educational process of green practices.

Pictured here La Cabana Beach & Racquet Club staff members including General Manager Joe Najjar, attending the informal ceremony.

The Earth Week agenda peppered with lectures about the island's flora and fauna, our water, traditional Aruban architecture, and green environmental practices, is an initiative of the Green and Health team.. The resort also undertook the 8th annual recycled art competition this week and is counting down to World Red Cross Day, Family Day, Global Engineering Day, World Ocean Day, and the 16th annual Aruba Reef Care. There will be additional lectures on health and wellbeing, on recycling, on turtle preservation and Bio-diesel, ozone layer preservation and Sponsor-A-Mile clean ups in the next few months.



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Columbine and the folly of overvaluing school sports

New York – In December 1999, just eight months after 15 people died there, Columbine High School won its first state football championship. Americans love a happy ending, and this one was made for TV. National newscasts ran footage of the celebrations at Columbine, which followed a predictable media script: Athletic triumph tempers human tragedy.

And surely, Columbine High School needed any good news it could get. But the impulse to take comfort in sports reflected a larger problem, too: American high schools put far too large a premium on organized athletics.

As we pause to commemorate the 10th anniversary of the Columbine murders, we should also reflect on the sports-crazed culture that helped produce them.

Let's be clear: Nothing can excuse the raw malevolence of the two boys, who gunned down 12 students and a teacher before taking their own lives. And they didn't go looking for "jocks" to kill, as early media reports claimed. But they were bullied by athletes, who stood at the top of the Columbine social ladder. Even worse, adults reinforced this hierarchy. At Columbine, as sociologist Ralph Larkin has confirmed, teachers and

administrators looked the other way when athletes hit or harassed weaker students. When sports stars got arrested outside the school, meanwhile, Columbine bent the rules to make sure they could still take the field.

Most of all, the school awarded athletes a special place in its symbolic order. In foyer display cases, sports trophies and memorabilia spoke volumes about who really counted. The hallway leading to the gymnasium featured Columbine's Wall of Fame, celebrating – you guessed it – the school's outstanding athletes.

That doesn't make Columbine unique, of course. Indeed, other American communities lavish even more acclaim on their youthful sports heroes. At Permian High School in Odessa, Texas – made famous by the H.G. Bissinger book "Friday Night Lights" – school officials spent \$70,000 for a chartered airplane to fly the football team to visiting games. Meanwhile, the school's textbooks were 15 years out of date – and nobody could come up with the money to replace them.

So let's use this anniversary to think about sports – not just violence – in American schools. Keep in mind that violent crime in our schools

has declined – not increased – by nearly half over the past decade. And shootings are extremely rare. Over the past 20 years, about 10 students per year have been shot in school – roughly one per month during the academic year. That's one too many, of course, but it hardly qualifies as a crisis. Our overemphasis on sports does. When we tie "school pride" to athletics, we give pride of place to student athletes. And we send exactly the wrong message to millions of children: The sports field is more important than the classroom.

Colleges exacerbate the problem, of course, by rewarding athletic prowess with scholarships and special advantages in admissions. That's because so much of their pride, too, is invested in fielding successful sports teams. And that returns us to Columbine, which won the state football title again in 2002. Once more, the school celebrated its strength in the face of adversity.

"The team and the school and the community at large had every reason to quit, to give up, to descend into total despair, but we've come out of it to a great degree," Columbine's principal said at the time.

"We showed amazing resolve

and resilience, and maybe, in some way, we've given faith to others, who saw how we responded." But sports victories don't signify strength, or resilience, or anything else; they simply mean that one team scored more points than another one did. Today, 10 years after Columbine, we are still confusing athletic success with the moral and intellectual kind. We need some brave

school leaders to stand up and state a few simple truths: Sports are not life, and life is not sports, and all of us need to relearn the difference. Any takers?

Jonathan Zimmerman teaches history and education at New York University. He is the author of "Small Wonder: The Little Red Schoolhouse in History and Memory," which will be published in June.



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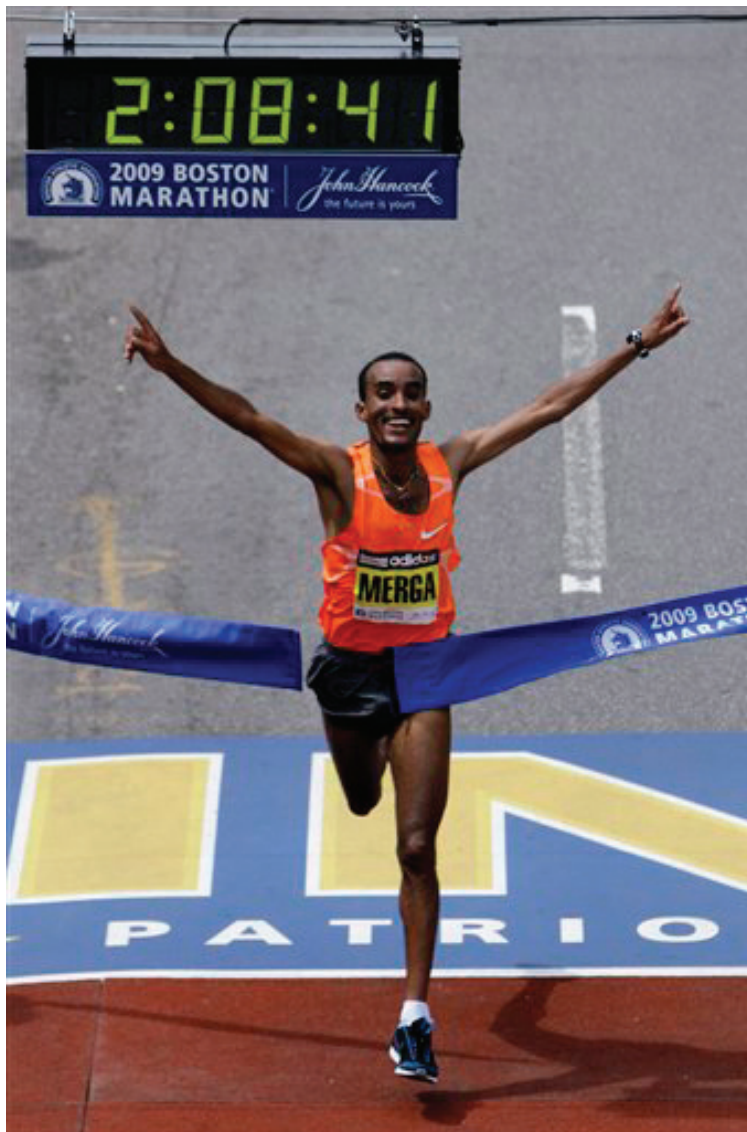
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Aruban Taekwondo takes over the Netherlands Antilles



to Curacao, St.Maarten and Surinam. They all gathered in Curacao where master Theo Rodriguez was the one giving the workshop with his great knowledge of this sport, Aruba participated in this workshop with 17 of their students including the various Taekwondo schools of Curacao. We want to add that one of our Aruban participants could not take

them.
 Winning Gold: Sara Croes, Jennifer Werleman, Jessica Werleman, Marwin Lont, Luis Stefano, Julian Ristveld, Alex Ridderstap, Shane Pappers and Kirscha Paula. Winning Silver: Jerrick Vlaun, David Lont, Glenn Junior Werleman, Pedro Gomez, Juni Jansen and Chris Kelly. Winning Bronze: Clifford



ORANJESTAD - As we reported last week, the Taekwondo team of Aruba took a trip to our neighbor island to give a workshop

part of the workshop he ended up giving training with the other coaches because no one was in his category, he was way beyond all of

Rasmijn and Angelo Rodriquez. Best Female Fighter: Kirscha Paula from Aruba of Tiger Taekwondo Academy.



Thirteen people lay down to symbolize those killed in the Columbine school shooting at a Columbine Remembrance and Rededication on the 10th anniversary of the Columbine attack, at the Capitol in Denver, on Monday, April 20, 2009.

Associated Press

Newly in Iraq, Army troops heading to Afghanistan

CHELSEA J. CARTER
Associated Press Writer

BAGHDAD (AP) — Only in Iraq a few weeks, nearly 500 U.S. Army combat engineers who specialize in clearing roads of explosives learned they were being shipped off to southern Afghanistan, one of the clearest signs of America's shifting wartime priorities.

The transfer, which moved into its final stages Monday, is the largest movement so far of personnel and equipment from Iraq as President Barack Obama puts the focus on the fight in the Taliban heartland.

"We are probably going to be the beginning of the influx you are going to see to Afghanistan," Lt. Col. Kevin Landers, commander of the Fort Carson, Colo.-based 4th Engineer Battalion, said as crews packed crates and cleaned vehicles for the flight to Kandahar.

It's now clear some of the troops and firepower will flow directly from Iraq, where the Pentagon plans to gradually draw down its more than 132,000 personnel before the withdrawal of all combat forces by September



U.S. Army Lt. Col. Kevin Landers, commander of the the 4th Engineer Battalion is seen in his empty office at Camp Victory in Baghdad, Iraq, Monday, April 20, 2009. Barely a month after arriving in Iraq, an Army combat engineer battalion that clears bombs from roads is heading to Afghanistan, in what the military says is the largest movement of personnel and equipment from one war front to another.

Associated Press

2010.

Obama has ordered 17,000 more U.S. soldiers and Marines to Afghanistan to bolster the 38,000 American troops already battling the resurgent Taliban.

"We are going to take this footprint

out of Iraq," said Landers, whose battalion received word of its reassignment last month just after taking command of clearing roads in Baghdad of bombs and debris.

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Obama defends memo release during visit to CIA



President Barack Obama puts his hand to his ear after saying he heard an "Amen section" in the audience of employees as he speaks at the Central Intelligence Agency in Langley, Va., Monday, April 20, 2009. Behind him is CIA Director Leon Panetta.

Associated Press

PAMELA HESS
Associated Press Writer
WASHINGTON (AP)

— Days after releasing top-secret memos that detailed the CIA's use of simulated drowning while interrogating terror suspects, President Barack Obama went to the spy agency's headquarters on Monday to defend his decision and boost morale.

Last week, Obama's Justice Department published previously classified

memos that described the Bush administration's legal justification for CIA interrogation techniques that included methods criticized as torture.

Republican lawmakers and former CIA chiefs have criticized the release of the memos, contending that revealing the limits of interrogation techniques will hamper the effectiveness of interrogations.

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Minnesota Senate race moves to high court appeal

MINNEAPOLIS (AP)—Lawyers for Republican Norm Coleman have filed notice to appeal his Senate election-lawsuit loss to Democrat Al Franken.

They filed a notice of appeal Monday afternoon with the Minnesota Supreme Court. The effort will seek to overturn a decision by a special three-judge panel that Franken came out 312 votes ahead of Coleman in the November election.

The former senator contends that local officials used inconsistent standards for deciding whether voters complied with absentee ballot rules. The panel ruled last week that local officials used reasonable latitude in running the election, and that equal protection under the law doesn't require "rigid sameness."



In this Monday Jan. 5, 2009 picture, Democratic Senate candidate Al Franken speaks to reporters outside his home in Minneapolis. On Monday, April 13, 2009, a Minnesota court has confirmed that Franken won the most votes in his 2008 Senate race against Republican Norm Coleman. Associated Press

Clinton urges release of U.S. journalist in Iran

WASHINGTON – Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton renewed calls on Monday for Iran to release an American journalist convicted of spying and sentenced to eight years in prison.

Clinton said Roxana Saberi is innocent and should be freed immediately. She also said she hoped for positive action from the full investigation into the case ordered by Iran's judiciary chief and a request from Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad to Tehran's top Tehran prosecutor to ensure she is allowed a full defense on appeal.

"We believe she should be freed immediately, that the charges against her

are baseless and that she has been subjected to a process that has been non-transparent, unpredictable (and) arbitrary," Clinton told reporters at the State Department.

"We hope that actions will be taken as soon as possible by the authorities in Iran, including the judiciary, to bring about the speedy release of Miss Saberi and her return home," she said, adding that the Obama administration is continuing to work with Swiss intermediaries who represent U.S. interests in Iran to secure her freedom.

"We are ... hoping that these remarks lead to actions," Clinton said, referring to Ahmadinejad's comment on Saberi's appeal.

State Department spokesman Robert Wood said the administration was looking to the Swiss for "more details about the sentence" and "to make sure that she has been properly treated."

"She's been wrongly accused," he said. "There have been charges that she committed espionage. It's absolutely without foundation."

Saberi, who was born in the U.S. and grew up in Fargo, N. D., was convicted last week after a one-day trial behind closed doors. President Barack Obama said Sunday he was "gravely concerned" about Saberi's safety and well-being and was confident she was not involved in espionage.



Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton renews the U.S. call for Iran to release American journalist Roxana Saberi, whom an Iranian court has convicted as a spy and sentenced to eight years in prison, Monday, April 20, 2009, at the State Department in Washington. Clinton was meeting with Dutch Foreign Minister Maxime Verhagen as she insisted that Saberi is innocent of the charges and should be freed.

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For its trouble, downtrodden Detroit Free Press gets Pulitzer

COREY WILLIAMS

Associated Press Writer

DETROIT (AP) — Struggling simply to survive as readership and advertising drop, the Detroit Free Press celebrated winning a Pulitzer Prize on Monday for its reporting of a sex scandal that brought down the city's mayor. Minutes before the Pulitzer was announced, most of the Free Press staff crowded into the close quarters around the cluttered corner desks of Jim Schaefer and M.L. Elrick, the main reporters on the story.

When Elrick, reading from a computer screen, announced, "It looks like we won," applause exploded and continued for nearly two minutes. Schaefer and Elrick hugged, as did other staffers.

"The community is in a better place now than it was a year ago, and although we take no joy in what Detroit had to go through, we take a lot of satisfaction that we did our job well," Paul Anger, Free Press vice president and

editor, said in an interview. "We upheld the First Amendment. We upheld the public's right to know, and Detroit can move forward with confidence."

The newspaper won America's most prestigious journalism award as it struggles through the harshest time the industry has ever seen, with layoffs, bankruptcies and closings brought on by the recession and an exodus of readers and advertisers to the Internet.

It's been a tough year for Detroit in general. The mortgage crisis has hit the city as hard as any place in the country. The turmoil of the domestic auto industry continues to lead to job cuts and add to the city's skyrocketing unemployment.

As the economy has foundered, the fortunes of the Free Press and its main competitor, The Detroit News, have dimmed.

Home delivery has been reduced to the three days a week most popular with advertisers —

Thursdays, Fridays and Sundays. The hope is that the papers — which share a business side under a joint operating agreement — can cut operating costs, without sacrificing newsroom staff, to weather the recession.

The reporters who won, Schaefer and Elrick were the first to uncover steamy text messages between a married Kwame Kilpatrick, the mayor at the time, and Christine Beatty, his chief of staff.

Excerpts were first published in January 2008 and led to both being charged and eventually jailed. The reporting opened the door to intense scrutiny of Kilpatrick, his finances and the operations of the mayor's office. The paper has not said how it obtained the messages, which revealed that Kilpatrick and Beatty lied about their affair under oath during a 2007 whistleblowers' trial. The messages were left on Beatty's city-issued pager. Following a short investigation, Wayne County prosecutor Kym



Worthy charged Kilpatrick and Beatty in March 2008 with perjury, misconduct and obstruction of justice. Kilpatrick was required to leave the mayor's office after he pleaded guilty to two counts of obstruction of justice and no contest to assault. The award for local reporting is the ninth Pulitzer for the Free Press, and Elrick and Schaefer were elated to have been a part of it.

"This is something you want to do through your whole life — at least once you realize you want to be in newspapers," Elrick told

the staff.

The Free Press' Mike Thompson also was named a Pulitzer finalist in the editorial cartooning category.

The Free Press is owned by Gannett Co., based in McLean, Virginia.

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Memo release

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The memos detailed the use of waterboarding — a form of simulated drowning that Attorney General Eric Holder has denounced as torture — as well as sleep deprivation, isolation and

physical violence.

According to the declassified memos, waterboarding was used on alleged 9/11 mastermind Khalid Sheik Muhammed 183 times in March 2003. Suspected al-Qaida logistics chief Abu Zubaydah was subjected to

the treatment 83 times in August 2002.

Obama said Monday that a court case was going to force the memos to be released and that much of what they contained had already been compromised through leaks to news media.

“I acted primarily because of

the exceptional circumstances that surrounded these memos, particularly the fact that so much of the information was public,” he said.

The president urged the hundreds of CIA employees who gathered in a secure auditorium to ignore the recent controversy. “Don’t be discouraged by what’s happened the last few weeks,” he said.

A round of cheers erupted when CIA Director Leon Panetta introduced Obama, who quickly reassured them that they had his backing. “I know the last few days have been difficult,” he said. “You need to know you’ve got my full support.”

But Obama also heard a reminder of the intense criticism his decision sparked from many in the intelligence community. Four former CIA directors and several senior agency officials opposed the release of the memos.

“You don’t get credit when things go good, but you sure get some blame when things don’t,” Obama said.

Obama met privately with Panetta and about 50 CIA employees, fielding questions about his decision to release the memos and on other topics. Panetta had agreed to releasing the memos, but he also pressed for heavier censorship. The memos were only lightly redacted when they were released last Thursday.

Obama has vowed not to seek prosecution of CIA agents and interrogators who took part in waterboarding and other harsh interrogation tactics. His chief of staff, Rahm Emanuel, said this weekend that the Obama administration also won’t seek prosecution for the Bush administration lawyers who wrote the memos approving the tactics.

Obama told the CIA employees that they must perform their work ethically because they are guarding America against attacks from “people who have no scruples.” He said that he understands that intelligence officials sometimes feel as if

they are operating with one hand tied behind their backs. But Obama said that upholding American values and ideals in the face of those enemies is “what makes the United States special and what makes you special.”

Separately, Senate Intelligence Committee Chairman Sen. Dianne Feinstein on Monday sent Obama a letter asking him to withhold judgment on potential prosecutions until the committee completes its investigation of the CIA’s detention and interrogation program. The committee is looking into the treatment of each of the CIA’s 14 “high-value detainees,” a list that includes Zubaydah and Khalid Sheik Muhammed. Before heading to the CIA, Obama convened his first formal Cabinet meeting, asking department and agency chiefs to look for ways over the next 90 days to cut \$100 million out of the federal budget and telling them he feared “a confidence gap” with the public.

Back from his fence-mending trip to Latin America and the Caribbean, Obama reminded the panel that American families are making tough financial decisions and need to know the government is spending their money wisely, too.

In a brief conversation with reporters, Obama acknowledged that \$100 million, by itself, wouldn’t put much of a dent in a more than \$3 trillion budget. But he also said that the cumulative effect of putting agencies in a budget-cutting frame of mind would ultimately make a difference and that getting started now would “set the right tone” for families struggling to make ends meet.

The meeting was being held just days after a series of “Tea Party” demonstrations across the country in which protesters challenged the administration over its massive spending to help pull the country and its financial system out of an economic nose dive unseen in decades.

The Sinking of the SS Oranjestad

Dedicated to the Brave Men of the SS Oranjestad



Pa: Roland W. Peterson

As I stood there in silence my thoughts drifted away
There it lay on the ground, still braced by the straps of the crane
that had just lifted it out of the water
An elderly lady touched the propeller with her hands
I felt as if she had been waiting for this moment a long time
There were tears in her eyes.

She murmured something that
I could not understand

I can still hear the screams
and the shouts: “Jump.
Jump”

The taste of the black
willowing smoke is in my
mouth

My eyes are burning
The once so peaceful
surroundings turn into an
inferno

“Feuer, feuer” the captain of
the German U 156 submarine
commanded

With her bow facing the North East Trade winds
the oil tanker SS Oranjestad lies at anchor
The distance lights of the oil refinery reflecting in the
water



The sound is deafening as the torpedo penetrates her flank
The SS Oranjestad is hurt
But she is keeping her bow with pride high above water
There is a second torpedo
The SS Oranjestad is crippled
She is leaning on her side and is sinking

The brave men aboard fight the enormous odds to keep her afloat
Some men are blasted over board
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Police arrest suspect in Boston Craigslist slaying

By RUSSELL CONTRERAS

Associated Press Writer

BOSTON — A man was arrested Monday in the shooting death last week at a luxury hotel of a woman who advertised massage services on Craigslist, Boston's police commissioner said. Phil Markoff, 22, was arrested by Boston police after being stopped in south of Boston on Interstate 95 in Walpole, Police Commissioner Ed Davis said at a news conference.

Davis said that authorities had the Boston University student under surveillance "for days" before making the arrest. Markoff is originally from upstate New York, but lives in Quincy, just south of Boston, police said.

Markoff is charged with killing Julissa Brisman, 29, who was found dead Tuesday at the Boston Marriott Copley Place. The New York City woman advertised massage services on Craigslist and had a massage table set up in the room where she was shot Tuesday, police said. Markoff is scheduled to be arraigned in Boston Municipal Court on Tuesday.

Suffolk District Attorney Daniel Conley said Markoff is also charged with unlawful possession of a firearm. In addition, Conley said Markoff is charged with kidnapping and armed robbery in a separate case involving another woman he met on Craigslist.

Police said they had long suspected that Brisman's killer was connected to a robbery at the Westin Copley Hotel in Boston.

Authorities believe Brisman's death also may be connected to the attempted robbery Thursday in Warwick, R.I., of an exotic dancer by a man

responding to an ad she had posted on Craigslist. She was held at gunpoint before her husband entered the room and her attacker fled.

The four photos released Monday by Warwick police show a man in a dark jacket with a baseball cap pulled low, obscuring much of his face. The surveillance photos of the man were similar to those released from the Boston Marriott Copley Place.

Boston police said they've also received more than 150 tips about Brisman's killing. Conley said authorities believe Markoff may have had other victims.

"There may be other victims out there, and if you are, we want you to come forward," said Conley.



This frame grab from a video surveillance camera, released by the Warwick, R.I., Police Dept., shows a person of interest in the attack on an exotic dancer in her room at the Holiday Inn Express in Warwick Thursday night, April 16, 2009. Boston police said they believe the attack in Warwick is connected to the slaying of a woman at a luxury hotel in Boston the previous Tuesday night, citing 'a number of similarities' in the two cases.

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Army troops

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Since then, his troops have conducted routine operations while preparing for their departure.

They won't be replaced — another sign of America's evolving military map.

By the end of next year, the U.S. military presence could be down to about 30,000 to 50,000 personnel to train and advise Iraqi security forces. Plans call for all American forces to leave Iraq by the end of 2012.

Military officials have publicly said they would not redirect large numbers of soldiers directly from Iraq to Afghanistan. Quietly, though, the military has been sending troops and equipment for months.

In late March, the Fort Sill, Okla.-based 100th Brigade Support Battalion was moved from the giant U.S. base

in Balad, 50 miles north of Baghdad, to southern Afghanistan.

Meanwhile, a stream of military transport planes has been ferrying helicopters, vehicles, weapons and other equipment from Iraq to Afghanistan.

But this week's airlift of the 4th Engineer Battalion "is the largest unit movement of personnel and gear from Iraq to Afghanistan to date," said Lt. Col. Dave Dancer, operations chief for the 225th Engineer Brigade, which oversees the 4th Engineers.

The battalion arrived in Iraq in late February. Four days after taking command in mid-March, it received new orders: pack up and compete its 12-month deployment in Afghanistan, said Landers, 42, of Atlanta.

The battalion began sending troops and equipment — everything from giant tow trucks and bulldozers to desks and chairs — last week, said Command Sgt. Major Anthony Archer, 41, of Austin, Texas. The transition is expected to be completed within weeks.

On Monday, soldiers were busy cleaning wrecker trucks, which are used to haul damaged or broken down military equipment, before loading them on airplanes to send later in the week.

Sgt. Tony Hardy, 38, of Fountain, Colo., said his troops hadn't had time to think too much about the move.

"Just keep them busy. Keep them working and it keeps their mind on what we have got to do and not what they may have to do," Hardy said. Landers and Archer broke the news to the soldiers in late March at Camp Victory, the main U.S. military base in Iraq.

"We told them what we had in front of us ... and that we



U.S. Army Spc. Shawn Byrd, 29, from Toccoa, Ga., left, and Pfc. Angela Dubose, 25, from Duluth, Ga. pack up computer equipment for shipping to Afghanistan at Camp Victory in Baghdad, Iraq, Monday, April 20, 2009. Barely a month after arriving in Iraq, an Army combat engineer battalion that clears bombs from roads is heading to Afghanistan, in what the military says is the largest movement of personnel and equipment from one war front to another.

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needed them to pull together as a team," Landers said. Families in Colorado were later told in a video conference. Landers said his soldiers will face challenges with the new assignment — from new terrain to a new enemy to new

tactics.

But he said the battalion drilled at the National Training Center in Fort Irwin, Calif., where troops are put through combat scenarios meant to replicate hazards faced in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Stephen Hawking hospitalized, reported very ill



FILE - In this Thursday, April 26, 2007 file photo physicist Stephen Hawking answers questions during an interview in Orlando, Fla. Famed mathematician Stephen Hawking has been rushed to a hospital and is seriously ill, Cambridge University said Monday April 20, 2009 .Associated Press

ROBERT BARR

Associated Press Writer LONDON (AP) — Stephen Hawking, the British mathematician and physicist famed for his work on black holes, was rushed to a hospital Monday and was seriously ill, Cambridge University said. Hawking has been fighting

a chest infection for several weeks and was being treated at Addenbrooke's Hospital in Cambridge, the university city northeast of London, the university said. "Professor Hawking is very ill," said Gregory Hayman, the university's head of communications. "He is undergoing tests. He has been unwell for a couple of weeks."

Later in the afternoon, Hayman said Hawking was "now comfortable but will be kept in hospital overnight." The illness had caused Hawking to cancel an appearance at Arizona State University on April 6.

Hawking, 67, gained renown for his work on black holes, and has remained active despite being diagnosed at 21 with ALS, (amyotrophic lateral sclerosis), an incurable degenerative disorder also known as Lou Gehrig's disease.

For some years, Hawking has been almost entirely paralyzed, and he communicates through

an electronic voice synthesizer activated by his fingers.

Hawking was involved in the search for the great goal of physics — a "unified theory" — which would resolve contradictions between Albert Einstein's General Theory of Relativity, which describes the laws of gravity that govern the motion of large objects like planets, and the Theory of Quantum Mechanics, which deals with the world of subatomic particles.

"A complete, consistent unified theory is only the first step: our goal is a complete understanding of the events around us, and of our own existence," he wrote in his best-selling book, "A Brief History of Time," published in 1988.

In a more accessible sequel "The Universe in a Nutshell," published in 2001, Hawking ventured into concepts like supergravity, naked singularities and the possibility of a universe with 11 dimensions.



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Iran's leader sparks Western walkout at U.N. meeting

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GENEVA (AP) — Iranian President Mahmoud

Ahmadinejad accused the West of using the Holocaust as a "pretext" for aggression against Palestinians, prompting walkouts Monday by every European Union country at a U.N. conference on racism.

The meeting turned chaotic almost from the start when two protesters in rainbow wigs tossed red clown noses at Ahmadinejad as he began his speech with a Muslim prayer. A Jewish student group from France said it had been trying to convey "the masquerade that this conference represents."

Ahmadinejad — the first government official to take the floor — restarted and delivered his speech for more than a half-hour, saying the United States and Europe had helped establish Israel after World War II at the expense of Palestinians.

"They resorted to military aggression to make an entire nation homeless under the pretext of Jewish suffering," he said.

That prompted the walkout by some 40 diplomats from Britain and France and other European Union countries. The Europeans had threatened to leave the conference if it descended into anti-Semitism or other rhetoric harshly critical of Israel, which marred the U.N.'s last conference on racism eight years ago in South Africa.

The United States and eight other Western countries were already boycotting the event Monday, the eve of Israel's Holocaust Remembrance Day, because of concerns about its fairness.

Ahmadinejad also accused Israel of being the "most cruel and repressive racist regime" and blamed the U.S. invasion of Iraq on a Zionist conspiracy.

Most of his rhetoric was not new but its timing and high profile could complicate U.S. efforts to warm ties with the Islamic republic: Alejandro Wolff, the U.S. deputy ambassador to the United Nations, denounced what he called "the Ahmadinejad spectacle."

"We call on the Iranian leadership to show much more measured, moderate, honest and constructive rhetoric when dealing with issues in the region, and not this type of vile, hateful, inciteful speech that we all saw," Wolff told reporters at the U.N. in New York.

Protesters holding placards reading "This is a circus. A racist



Western diplomats walk out during the speech of Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad at the UN Racism conference at the United Headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland, Monday, April 20, 2009. Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad has accused Israel of being the "most cruel and racist regime," sparking a walkout by angry Western diplomats at a U.N. racism conference and protests from others.

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cannot fight racism," repeatedly interrupted the speech with shouts of "Shame! shame!" and "Racist! racist!"

Later, about 100 members of mainly pro-Israel and Jewish groups tried to block Ahmadinejad's entrance to a scheduled news conference.

U.N. chief Ban Ki-moon met with Ahmadinejad before his speech and said he had counseled the Iranian leader to avoid dividing the conference. Ban later said he was disappointed Ahmadinejad had used his speech "to accuse, divide and even incite," directly opposing the aim of the meeting. "It was a very troubling experience for me as a secretary-general," he told reporters. "It was a totally unacceptable situation."

The Israeli Foreign Ministry condemned Ahmadinejad's speech and Ban's meeting with the Iranian leader.

"It is unfortunate that U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon deemed it appropriate to meet with the greatest Holocaust denier of our time," Israel said. "This matter is especially severe, as it took place on the eve of Holocaust Memorial Day."

Ahmadinejad has been praised by some in the Muslim world for calling for Israel's destruction and for other anti-Israeli comments. The hard-liner has often used international forums to criticize Israel including at last year's U.N. General Assembly where he said Israel was on "a definite

slope to collapse."

Most Muslim delegations in Geneva declined to comment, but Pakistan said the protesters were wrong to interrupt Ahmadinejad's speech.

"If we actually believe in freedom of expression then he has the right to say what he wants to say," Ambassador Zamir Akram told The Associated Press. "There were things in there that a lot of people in the Muslim world would be in agreement with, for example the situation in Palestine, in Iraq and in Afghanistan, even if they don't agree with the way he said it."

Prime Minister Gordon Brown's spokesman said Britain would return to the talks but "unreservedly condemns his offensive and unacceptable remarks."

In Paris, French President Nicolas Sarkozy condemned what he called "an intolerable call to racist hate."

Ahmadinejad's speech also took aim at the United States for its role in the global economic crisis and at Western countries for imposing unfair economic conditions on the developing world.

"Wasn't the military action against Iraq planned by the Zionists and their allies in the then-U.S. administration, in complicity with the arms-manufacturing companies, and the owner of the world?" he asked.

Ahmadinejad's speech was also interrupted several times by cheers

from the large Iranian delegation accompanying the government. Iran's state TV broadcast pictures showing some delegates cheering and other delegates leaving the conference.

"The president confidently continued his speech despite efforts by some Western diplomats to disrupt his address," state TV said.

But Ahmadinejad's provocative remarks may not be well-received among many others in Iran, which is suffering from high inflation and unemployment partly as a result of its global isolation. Many have criticized Ahmadinejad, who is up for re-election in June, for spending too much time on anti-Israel and anti-Western rhetoric and not enough on the country's economy.

Ahmadinejad, as head of state, had the right to speak and did not need a U.N. invitation to the weeklong event aimed at stamping out intolerance worldwide.

Even before Ahmadinejad's speech, Israel withdrew its ambassador from Switzerland on Monday in a harsh diplomatic response to a pre-conference dinner shared by Swiss President Hans-Rudolf Merz and Ahmadinejad. In their Sunday night conversation, Merz pressed the case of a jailed American journalist in Iran, acting in Switzerland's role as the official representative of U.S. interests in Iran.

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Jamaica hijacking foiled, but what about security?

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Associated Press Writer

KINGSTON, Jamaica (AP)

— A disoriented young man with a gun forced his way past security and barged onto a jetliner destined for Cuba, taking the crew hostage, firing a bullet that grazed the co-pilot's face and demanding to be flown off the island, witnesses and police said Monday.

After eight hours of fruitless negotiations, soldiers stormed the plane and arrested the man without further injury, but authorities were deeply embarrassed about the security breach at Montego Bay's airport, a major Caribbean tourist hub.

"There was quite clearly a breach of security at the airport, and I've asked for an investigation to be done immediately," said Prime Minister Bruce Golding, who arrived on the scene overnight to oversee talks with the hijacker.

The gunman was identified as Stephen Fray, a 20-year-old Jamaican described by police as "mentally challenged." Showing the gun, he forced his way past several security checkpoints. At least two



Soldiers stand near the hijacked Canjet 737 as it sits on the tarmac at the airport in Montego Bay, Jamaica Monday April 20, 2009. Six crew members on board a Canadian airliner bound for Cuba from Halifax were free and their captor in custody Monday after a lone gunman with "mental issues" forced his way through security and stormed the jet as it was preparing to depart a Jamaican airport.

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people chased him, but failed to stop him from reaching the tarmac and boarding CanJet Airlines Flight 918 about 10:20 p.m. local time Sunday. Jamaican Information Minister Daryl Vaz told The Associated Press that Fray demanded to be flown to Cuba. The flight's next stop was Santa Clara, Cuba. But witnesses said the gunman wanted to reach

America.

"He said 'You are not going to stop me. I'm going to the U.S.," Jacques Poulin, a passenger from Glace Bay, Nova Scotia, told The Toronto Star. "There were two people chasing him but he managed to get into the plane."

Flight attendant Heidi Tofflemire was greeting passengers as they boarded

the plane when she noticed the hijacker's weapon, according to her mother, said Karen Tofflemire, speaking from Chezzetcook, Nova Scotia. "She said, 'What is that?' And he said, 'Never you mind. I'll take care of it.' He barged past her. So she went in to tell the pilot," Tofflemire said.

A security officer got on board and approached the gunman,

who became agitated and fired the gun, passenger Brenda Grenier told Canadian broadcaster CTV Newsnet.

"That's when we all got very, very scared and people were crying and praying and we were just really frightened for all of our lives. There were children on the plane," Grenier said.

The co-pilot also had tried to talk Fray into surrendering, and was lightly injured, Poulin said. "I don't know what he said but the man shot into the loading ramp and the bullet grazed the co-pilot's face," Poulin said.

Several passengers said they hurriedly left cash in bag for the hijacker, hoping it would secure their freedom.

A short while later, he released two crew members and all 159 passengers who had come on board — all of them Canadians, including several groups who planned to attend weddings in Cuba as part of a Canadian travel package.

Six other crew members were held at gunpoint until 6:40 a.m., when a unit from the Jamaica Defence Force Counter Terrorism Operations Group stormed aboard.

Two Suriname men win global environmental prize

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SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP)

— When Hugo Jabini saw his people's territory in Suriname being devastated by logging in the mid-1990s, he and a tribal leader of the forest-dwelling Saramaka decided to devote their days to halting the buzz of chain saws.

For years, Jabini and Wanze Eduards, who are from settlements of palm-thatched huts deep in Suriname's central rain forest, organized tribal communities to peacefully defend their land and promote their rights — even as the South American nation's government warned they would be imprisoned if they tried to stop the logging.

Their activism toward halting the clearcutting of vast stands of tropical trees was rewarded Monday with the Goldman Environmental Prize, given annually by the San Francisco-based Goldman Environmental Foundation to six winners, one on each inhabited continent.

The winners, who are nominated confidentially by environmental groups and individuals worldwide, receive a \$150,000 cash prize.

Jabini, 45, said the shared award with Eduards was a great honor for his tribe of Maroons, the descendants of West African slaves who fled into the jungle after Dutch colonists brought them across the Atlantic to work colonial plantations. The Saramaka

— the largest Maroon tribe in Suriname — live by fishing, hunting, planting crops and gathering wild nuts and fruits.

"The forest is our life. Saving this environment by organizing our people to fight against loggers was a fight for survival," Jabini said during a Monday telephone interview from San Francisco, where he and the other winners were being recognized.

The pair's decade-long campaign against logging on Saramacan lands ultimately led to a ruling by the Inter-American Court of Human Rights whose impact extends beyond Suriname. The Goldman Foundation said Eduards and Jabini helped changed the law so that prior



The 2009 Goldman Environmental Prize recipients, seen from left: Wanze Eduards of Pikin Slee Village, Suriname; Olga Speranskaya, of Moscow, Russia; Hugo Jabini, of Paramaribo, Suriname; Yuyun Ismawati, of Denpasar, Bali, Indonesia; Rizwana Hasan, of Dhaka, Bangladesh and Maria Gunnoe, of West Virginia, USA, are seen Friday, April 17, 2009, in San Francisco.

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and informed consent of indigenous groups will be required for major development projects throughout the Americas. "They saved not only their communities' 9,000

square kilometers (nearly 3,500 square miles) of forest, but strengthened the possibility of saving countless more," the San Francisco-based group said in a statement.

Paraguayan president hit with second paternity claim

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ASUNCION, Paraguay (AP) — Paraguay's president was hit with another paternity claim Monday, just a week after the former Roman Catholic bishop acknowledged fathering a different illegitimate child while still subject to his vows of chastity.

Fernando Lugo, 57, did not confirm nor deny fathering the 6-year-old boy, but read a brief statement promising to "act always in line with the truth and subject myself to all the requirements presented by the justice system."

He also appealed for privacy, referring all questions about paternity claims to his lawyer.

Two of Lugo's cabinet ministers started judicial proceedings against their boss on the latest woman's behalf, and vowed to order DNA tests if Lugo doesn't recognize paternity.

Women's Minister Glorinda Rubin said Lugo later agreed to submit to DNA tests and talk with the woman to try to reach an understanding.

When Lugo admitted last week that he fathered a 2-year-old boy with a different former parishioner, saying he would "assume all responsibilities" for the boy, analysts predicted his forthright response would disarm the potential scandal, despite the feeling of at least one bishop that it was a "slap in the face" of the Catholic Church.

Now another paternity claim is sure to give his opponents more ammunition.

Lugo said attorney Marcos Farina, who represents him in the other paternity case, would handle this claim as well.

Lugo said last week that he was acting with a sense of "absolute honesty and a sense of duty and transparency" to acknowledge his relationship with Viviana Carrillo," the 2-year-old's mother.

Benigna Leguizamon, an impoverished soap-seller, said Lugo's admission inspired her to go public about her 6-year-old. "I decided to make this claim through the media before going to the courts after seeing that last week Viviana Carrillo got President Lugo to recognize their child," she said.

Both women said they were just teenagers when they first met Lugo. And Leguizamon said he privately acknowledged fathering her son at the time of his birth.

Carrillo said her 2-year-old is named Guillermo Armindo in honor of Lugo's grandfather, and Leguizamon said Lugo wanted

her to name her boy Fernando Armindo.

"I told him that Armindo, for me, is a very ugly name, so I put Lucas instead" — Fernando Lucas, she said.

Leguizamon said she arrived in Lugo's San Pedro diocese in 2000 at age 17 with an infant daughter and worked in the bishopric, where she began a relationship with Lugo. She told her story in interviews Monday with Paraguay's Ultima Hora newspaper, Channel 4 television network and the Uno and Caritas de Asuncion radio stations.

Her son was born in September 2002, but she said Lugo gave her little money to support him and so she began a relationship with another man and now has four children. That man suffered a stroke and can no longer work, she said, so she supports the family by selling homemade soaps and detergents door-to-door. Lugo's son, she said, helps her by collecting used bottles to contain the liquid.

The Women's Ministry and the Childhood and Adolescence Ministry sent officials to interview Leguizamon and begin paternity procedures on Monday in Ciudad del Este, the eastern city where she lives near Paraguay's border with Brazil and Argentina.

"Lugo is my boss, but we're acting anyway," Childhood and Adolescence Minister Liz Torres said. "The child has the right to know who its father is, to bear his last name and receive help from him."

Many Paraguayans said the paternity scandal has been a black eye for both the government and the Catholic Church, to which 90 percent of Paraguayans say they belong.

Lugo resigned in 2004 as bishop of San Pedro, in the landlocked nation's poorest province, and in December 2006 announced he was renouncing his bishop status to run for president. Pope Benedict XVI didn't give him permission to resign, relieving him of his chastity vows, until July 2008, after insisting during Lugo's campaign that he would always be a bishop under Church law.

Lugo said last week that he would like to return to work for the Roman Catholic Church when his term ends, despite acknowledging that he fathered the first child while still a bishop. "Fortunately, the Catholic Church is very pluralistic and has many places where I will be able to work when I leave the presidency on Aug. 16, 2013," Lugo said.

After the first paternity claim, Catholic officials in Paraguay

asked Church members for forgiveness for the "sins of ministers and faithful." Some Paraguayans called for Lugo's excommunication, but the Church said it cannot punish the president because he is now a layman.

The Church statement also urged other priests to keep their vows, and asked all Catholics and people of good faith to pray for them to keep faithful to their priestly mission.

At least one Paraguayan bishop, Ignacio Gogorza, was more blunt.

"Lugo's conduct, to have maintained a sexual relation with a young woman while he was still a bishop, for the Church is a slap in the face," Gogorza said. "The risk we see is that somehow this act will diminish the moral authority of the Church."



Paraguay's President Fernando Lugo reads a statement during a news conference in Asuncion, Monday, April 20, 2009. A Paraguayan woman asked President Lugo to recognize her six-year-old son as his own on Monday, becoming the second woman this month to claim that the former Catholic bishop had fathered her child while still leading the church. Lugo did not respond to her claim but he said that "he is ready to act always in line with the truth."

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Ethiopia's Merga, Kenya's Kosgei win in Boston

JIMMY GOLEN

AP Sports Writer

BOSTON (AP) — Kenya's Salina Kosgei outkicked Kara Goucher and defending champion Dire Tune in the last mile of the Boston Marathon on Monday, going back and forth with Tune in the final blocks of Boylston Street to win the closest women's finish in event history.

Ethiopia's Deriba Merga overcame his fade in the Olympic marathon at Beijing to win the men's race, with Ryan Hall picking up another third place for U.S. runners — their best showing in more than 20 years.

Merga had pulled away by the bottom of Heartbreak Hill, winning in 2 hours, 8 minutes, 42 seconds — 50 seconds ahead of second-place finisher



Womens winner Salina Kosgei, left, of Kenya and mens winner Deriba Merga of Ethiopia pose together at the finish line in Boston at the 113th running of the Boston Marathon Monday, April 20, 2009.

Daniel Rono of Kenya, with Hall another 8 seconds back. Merga led much of the Olympic marathon last August before he wilted in the heat and was passed in the last quarter-mile, finishing fourth. His victory Monday gave Ethiopia its second in five years; Kenya had won in 16 of the past 18 years, and will have to be satisfied with a women's title — its seventh since the turn of the century. "Boston is one of the biggest marathons in the world," Merga said. "Because of that, our people are very happy." The men seemed undaunted by a stiff headwind that slowed the women to a methodical pace — 6:28 for the first mile.

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Cavs' Brown honored as NBA coach of year

TOM WITHERS

AP Sports Writer

INDEPENDENCE, Ohio — Like his first year in Cleveland, LeBron James' second NBA season ended without a trip to the playoffs. The miss was inexcusable to Cavaliers rookie owner Dan Gilbert, who set out an immediate coaching search so it wouldn't happen again. Gilbert plucked a highly regarded assistant off Indiana's staff, a likable guy who vowed to instill a defense-first identity in Cleveland.

The hiring wasn't well received.

"Who the heck is Mike Brown?" Cavs general manager Danny Ferry recalled as the overriding

sentiment back then.

Four years later, here's an updated answer: coach of the year.

Brown, who has taken Cleveland to the postseason in each of his four seasons, was honored Monday as the league's top coach after leading the Cavaliers to 66 wins, a Central Division title and the No. 1 overall playoff seed following the greatest regular season in club history.

With James and the other Cavaliers standing behind him and his coaching staff seated a few feet away, Brown humbly accepted the Red Auerbach trophy.

"If they did not want me to coach them, I wouldn't be able to coach them,"

he said. "I look at this as a partnership. Yes, my name is on this, but this is the ultimate team award from a coaching standpoint. I haven't put on a uniform or done anything out on the floor. The players have done it all. The coaching staff has done a lot and when you win an award like this, you can't do it by yourself.

"You have some great people around you."

None greater than James, the likely league MVP, who feels Brown has been overlooked mostly because he has a superstar at his disposal.

"That was the main reason," James said. "But that doesn't take away from the fact that we still have to go out there and play for him and abide by his system. There are a lot



Cleveland Cavaliers players Mo Williams, back left, LeBron James, back center, and Lorenzen Wright applaud after general manager Danny Ferry, left, presented coach Mike Brown, right, as the NBA Coach of the Year at the team's practice facility in Independence, Ohio Monday, April 20, 2009.

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of teams with great talent, but that doesn't automatically qualify you as a good coach or give you wins.

"It just showed this year how good of a coach he is." Brown joins Bill Fitch in 1976 as the only Cleveland coaches to win the award.

Expected to be a close vote, Brown won in a landslide. He received 55 first-place votes and earned 355 total points from a panel of 122 sports writers and broadcasters, who awarded five points for first, three points for second and one point for third.

Safina officially takes over No. 1 women's ranking

LONDON (AP) — Dinara Safina officially took over the top ranking on the WTA Tour on Monday, making her and older sibling Marat Safin the only brother-sister duo to have

been No. 1 in professional tennis.

Safina, who has yet to win a Grand Slam tournament title but twice reached a major final, is the 19th woman to top

the rankings since they were introduced in 1975. She is also only the second Russian woman after Maria Sharapova to reach No. 1.

Safina replaced Serena



Dinara Safina of Russia reacts adfter winning a game against Mathilde Johansson of France in the second round at the Sony Ericsson Open tennis tournament in Key Biscayne, Fla. Friday, March 27, 2009.

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Vets blame toxin in 21 polo horse deaths in U.S



Palm Beach Equine Clinic Veterinary Technician Ginny Powell works to save a dying horse, Sunday, April 19, 2009 at the International Polo Club of Palm Beach in Wellington, Fla.

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BRIAN SKOLOFF
Associated Press Writer
WELLINGTON, Florida (AP) — The sudden death of 21 polo horses at a championship event in Florida may have been caused by a toxin in the animals' feed, vitamins or supplements, veterinarians said Monday.

The horses from the Venezuelan-owned team Lechuza Caracas became ill just before a tournament match Sunday, collapsing and dying on the scene or while being treated at vet clinics or transported, officials said. The deaths shocked this affluent equestrian and golfing community in central Palm Beach County, where the International Polo Club Palm Beach hosts the U.S. Open Polo Championship every year.

"This was devastating. It was heartbreaking, to see that many horses get sick all at once," said John Wash, president of club operations.

Dr. Scott Swerdlin, a veterinarian at Palm Beach Equine Clinic near the polo grounds, treated one of the sick horses. He said it appeared the animals died of heart failure caused by some kind of toxin that could have been in tainted food, vitamins or supplements, or by some combination of all three that caused a toxic reaction. "A combination of something with an error in something that was given to these horses caused this toxic reaction," Swerdlin told reporters.

Toxicology tests were pending Monday.

The 60-horse team is owned by Venezuelan banker Victor

Vargas but most of the horses and players are Argentine, Swerdlin said. The team travels most of the year.

Swerdlin said the 21 horses together were worth up to \$2 million.

"It would take 10 years to build that string back up," he said.

The International Polo Club said in a statement that polo horses are thoroughbreds who often get used in play into their mid-teens and are frequently rotated during a match.

Swerdlin also said the Lechuza team was considered among the best of the eight teams entered in the 105th U.S. Open, which started April 3 and is slated to end with a final match Sunday.

"They were the team to bat," he said. "They have some of the greatest polo players in the world." The Lechuza Caracas horses were being unloaded from their trailers Sunday afternoon when two collapsed and others acted dizzy and disoriented, according to the International Polo Club Palm Beach. Seven horses died at the scene and the rest while being treated elsewhere or en route to medical care. All the horses that fell ill have died.

Veterinarians already at the event quickly tried treating the horses, inserting intravenous lines and trying to cool them down with fans and water. Observers hung blue tarps to shield some of the horses from the crowd's view.

Officials said they have ruled out any sort of airborne infections, and games would resume on Wednesday.



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Boston

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Mens wheelchair winner Ernst Van Dyk of South Africa reacts as he holds his trophy while listening to his national anthem in Boston at the 113th running of the Boston Marathon Monday, April 20, 2009. Associated Press

Though the elite women were given a half-hour head start, Merga began passing the women's stragglers as he left Wellesley and threatened to catch the leaders. After finishing, he had to wait for his laurel wreath because Kosgei had not had a chance to climb the podium.

"I was a little bit embarrassed," said eighth-place finisher Colleen De Reuck, a 45-year-old four-time Olympian and naturalized U.S. citizen who grabbed the lead at several points out of frustration. "You come to a marathon — and a big marathon like this — you get paid a lot of money to come and run and I think you should race."

Goucher led the three women as they crossed above the MassPike into Kenmore Square with 1 mile to go, but the two Africans began to pull away from her as they dueled. One year after Tune outkicked Alevtina Biktimirova to win by 2 seconds in what was then the closest women's finish ever, the Ethiopian traded places with Kosgei several times on the last long stretch to the tape.

"I was a sprinter before," Kosgei said. "So I know about the sprinting."

The only closer finish in the 113-year history of the event was the men's race in 2000, when Elijah Lagat beat Gezahegne Abera with an identical time of 2:09:47.

Tune fell to the pavement after crossing the finish line and lay there for several minutes; a race spokesman said she was hospitalized as a precaution.

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Clara Rojas: “La guerrilla puede ser derrotada y ellos lo saben”

Madrid (EFE) - La ex candidata a la Vicepresidencia de Colombia Clara Rojas, que permaneció seis años secuestrada por la guerrilla, cree que esta puede ser derrotada, que “ellos lo saben” y que esa certeza es la que permite que en el país se estén abriendo “espacios para el diálogo”.

En una entrevista con Efe en Madrid, donde presenta estos días el libro “Cautiva”, en el que narra su experiencia como rehén de las Fuerzas Armadas Revolucionarias de Colombia (FARC), Rojas dijo ayer que las acciones del Ejército colombiano, como la ‘operación Jaque’ -que liberó en julio pasado a quince personas- han hecho saber que “sí es posible” derrotar a la guerrilla.

“Hace años un guerrillero no se moría ni de gripe; parecía que fueran invencibles”, dijo Rojas al explicar su postura crítica frente a un grupo (las FARC) que “cree



que puede sobrevivir sin el resto del mundo, y eso -insistió- hoy por hoy es imposible”.

Clara Rojas, que permaneció secuestrada en medio de la selva

entre el 23 de febrero de 2002 y el 10 de enero de 2008, dice que nunca pensó que la guerrilla fuera capaz de mantener encadenados a los rehenes y que tuviera a la

gente “tanto tiempo cautiva”.

Sin embargo, considera que las FARC, que han anunciado la liberación inminente de otros secuestrados, “ya empiezan a tomar conciencia, ya empezaron a tener gestos unilaterales y se sienten bien haciéndolo”.

“Yo lo veo con buenos ojos”, aseguró la ex política colombiana, quien expresó su deseo de que “ojalá” el Gobierno de Colombia permita las condiciones para que se produzca la liberación de esas personas.

Con respecto a los problemas del país, al conflicto social y político que sufre Colombia desde hace más de medio siglo, Clara Rojas aseguró que los colombianos deben “ser creativos, a ver si por fin se puede salir de ese letargo”. Clara Rojas es consciente de que en Colombia “hay diferencias sociales, políticas y económicas enormes”, pero añade que no cree que las FARC sean “capaces de afrontar y solucionar” esos problemas.

Después de cincuenta años los guerrilleros colombianos “no han dado respuestas”, dijo; “han demostrado que estuvieron desconectados de las realidades populares y por eso el pueblo los rechaza”.

Las FARC enviaron un mensaje

a la Cumbre presidencial de Las Américas, celebrada este fin de semana en Trinidad y Tobago, en el que aseguraban que “los cimientos del conflicto colombiano son de carácter político-social y una estrategia de superación debe centrar esfuerzos en tal realidad”.

En opinión de Rojas, esos problemas existen “pero eso no significa que la guerrilla tenga capacidad ni de afrontarlos ni de resolverlos y mucho menos de encarnarlos”.

Clara Rojas afirma que “en el camino para salir del conflicto la aproximación de las partes es importante” y cree que al comprobarse que “hay gestos de ambas partes, por lo menos ya se ve una luz, si no verde, sí por lo menos amarilla” para resolver el conflicto.

La ex secuestrada de las FARC dice que está “feliz y contenta” porque ha cumplido la labor que se propuso de escribir el libro, una tarea que le permite -dijo- “cerrar la brecha del secuestro, tan dura y tan dolorosa”.

Clara Rojas fue secuestrada junto con la candidata del movimiento político y ecologista “Oxígeno Verde”, Ingrid Betancourt, a quien seguía como asesora y candidata a la vicepresidencia.

Dirigente opositor venezolano Manuel Rosales tramita asilo político



El dirigente opositor venezolano, Manuel Rosales, gesticula durante una conferencia de prensa el 25 de marzo de 2009 en Caracas. Rosales, acusado por enriquecimiento ilícito en Venezuela, tramita el asilo político ‘ante un país amigo’, tras decidir su partido Un Nuevo Tiempo que no se entregue a los tribunales convertidos en ‘instrumento de persecución política’. Foto:thomas coex/AFP

CARACAS (AFP) - El enriquecimiento ilícito en Venezuela, tramita el Rosales, acusado por asilo político “ante un país

amigo”, tras decidir su partido Un Nuevo Tiempo que no se entregue a los tribunales convertidos en “instrumento de persecución política”.

Rosales, alcalde de Maracaibo y ex candidato presidencial en las elecciones de 2006, se encuentra “resguardado” dentro de Venezuela desde hace cerca de un mes, cuando la Fiscalía solicitó privativa de libertad en su contra.

Omar Barboza, secretario general de Un Nuevo Tiempo (socialdemócrata), anunció en rueda de prensa este lunes que la decisión de solitar asilo político para el alcalde obedece a la intención de “continuar transitando la ruta democrática”, pues de otro modo Rosales habría tenido que pasar a una situación de clandestinidad.

Inician un Vía Crucis hacia la presidencia dominicana en reclamo de mejoras sociales

Bonao (R.Dominicana) (EFE) - Representantes de organizaciones populares y religiosas de la ciudad de Bonao, norte dominicano, iniciaron ayer un Vía Crucis hacia el Palacio Presidencial, en la capital, en reclamo de que las autoridades mejoren los servicios básicos.

Los manifestantes, que recorrerán unos 62 kilómetros, salieron de la Iglesia Nuestra Señora de Fátima, en el municipio de Bonao, con pancartas en manos y propaganda alusivas a las demandas y en tres días esperan llegar a la capital.

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From its classic menu to the intimate Dining Rooms and Elegant Pavilion adorned with futuristic accents, everything is impeccable at this elegant restaurant.



Some of their most requested Appetizers include Beluga Caviar, Foie Gras Pâté, and Paper-thin Prosciutto with roasted potatoes. Succulent Moroccan Lamb, a faultless Chateaubriand, or luscious Sautéed Coconut, Curry Tiger Prawns should not be missed. Desserts are satisfying in the way that only the old-fashioned favorites can be. They include custard smooth crème brulee and Marinated Cherries and a blazing Crepe Suzette. Finish your perfect evening with an Espresso and a fabulous Cognac

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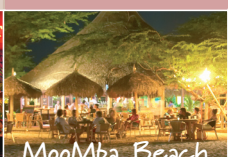
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